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AMENDMENT

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action that was mailed on July 21, 2009, and the Advisory Action that was mailed on September 30, 2009, and in view of the Request for Continued Examination submitted concomitantly herewith, please consider the following prior to examination of the present application on the merits:

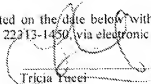
The **Amendments to the Claims** reflected in the **Listing of Claims** beginning on page 2 of this paper; and

The **Remarks** beginning on page 10 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted on the date below with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, via electronic submission.

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